

ISAC Meeting – May, 2014

ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

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TOPIC: Biocontrol Program review for APHIS (research, management and policy)

SPEAKER (Name/Email): TBD _____

1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (include length of time needed):

This is a task for the ISAC Research Subcommittee meeting, NOT the full ISAC. Different programs that deal with biocontrol in APHIS will be presented; asking for ISAC input and advise. Various presenters will give the information related to biocontrol research (at CPHST); biocontrol policy; and biocontrol management. Three hours are needed for the presentation and the questions that ISAC SC members have from APHIS staff. Later, additional 2 hrs. will be needed for ISAC SC members alone to craft their recommendations/ advise to elevate to the full ISAC meeting in the fall 2014.

In the fall ISAC additional presentations to the Research SC will be done on the USFS research on biocontrol and the ARS research on biocontrol for their advice.

2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN?

As budgets become scarcer, and as more funds are pivoted for prevention, the agencies should be advice to improve/expand/diminish their efforts using biocontrol research and management for control of invasive species in USA. The federal agencies in USDA (ARS, APHIS and USFS) would benefit from ISAC's advice on the issue.

3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM:

None.

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC:

Advice from the Research SC and the full ISAC.

5. ALTERNATIVES:

None.

6. ATTACHMENTS:

None.